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1. INFORMED AHMED MAHER TODAY OF UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S JUNE 30-JULY 3 VISIT TO ISRAEL. STRESSED VISIT IS IN RESPONSE LONG-STANDING INVITATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH ISRAEL 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND WILL BE PRIMARILY CEREMONIAL IN NATURE. ALSO EXPRESSED VICE PRESIDENT'S REGRET THAT HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE RE PRESSING DOMESTIC BUSINESS PRECLUDES HIM FROM CONSIDERING ANY OTHER STOPS IN THE AREA. I ASKED THAT FONMIN KAMEL AND PRESIDENT SADAT BE INFORMED OF UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT ASAP.

2. MAHER UNDERTOOK TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY. REFERRING TO DESCRIPTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AS PRIMARILY CEREMONIAL, MAHER ASKED IF THIS MEANS THAT NO POLITICAL SPEECHES WILL BE GIVEN. I REITERATED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WILL BE PRIMARILY CEREMONIAL IN NATURE. MAHER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD, BUT THEN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT POLITICAL SPEECHES WHICH MIGHT IMPACT ON THE ME PEACE PROCESS WILL BE AVOIDED. HE NOTED THERE WILL ALREADY BE
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RAISED EYEBROWS IN THE ARAB WORLD THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD ONLY BE GOING TO ISRAEL AND COMMENTED ARAB MIS-GIVINGS ARE BOUND TO BE EXACERBATED IF VISIT INVOLVES POLITICAL SPEECHES ON CONTROVERSIAL ELEMENTS HAVING TO DO WITH STALLED EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. HE ASSUMED ISRAELIS WILL SEEK TO USE VISIT TO SUGGEST FULL USG SUPPORT FOR BEGIN PEACE PLANS, BUT HOPED THAT WHAT GOE

UNDERSTANDS IS USG POSITION OF IMPARTIAL MEDIATOR BE
MAINTAINED DURING VISIT. ELTS

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